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****UTHSCD Department of Clinical Nutrition
to hold open house Feb. 28

DALLAS -- The Department of Clinical Nutrition at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas will have an open house from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, to explain its program leading to a bachelor's degree in clinical nutrition.

Prospective students, school counselors, families and friends are invited to come to seminar room D1.200 on the UTHSCD main campus, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd. at Butler Street, to find out more about this profession, which combines an affinity for science with an affinity for people.

At the open house, students and counselors can tour health science center classrooms and library facilities, get information on careers in clinical dietetics, learn the requirements to become a registered dietitian, meet faculty and students and profit from individual counseling.

Diet can make or break a normal person's health, but the diet of a person with a medical problem is even more significant. The dietitian knows what foods the body needs and how it uses those foods to promote optimum health. That's why a clinical dietitian is a respected member of the health care team.

Settings as diverse as a general hospital, a fitness center, a kidney dialysis unit, a city children's clinic or a private corporation's wellness program need the skills of a clinical dietitian.

At UTHSCD, the School of Allied Health Sciences offers a bachelor's degree in clinical dietetics. Graduates are eligible to take the national examination administered through the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the American Dietetic Association without additional clinical experience or internship.

Students come to the UTHSCD program with 60 hours of prerequisite courses. They take five semesters of undergraduate courses, which include the clinical experience required to become a registered dietitian. This allows UTHSCD students to begin their professional careers as registered dietitians as much as one year before the graduates of some colleges whose nutrition courses fall within the home economics department.

For more information about the Feb. 28 open house or the degree program in clinical dietetics and nutrition, call 214/688-2840.

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Note: The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and the School of Allied Health Sciences.